

land, respectively, to which they are chargeable, and shall constitute a lien thereon and shall be collected in like manner as other special taxes are levied and collected in said city. The board of park commissioners shall advance out of the park and boulevard fund sufficient money for doing said work, and the said special assessments shall be credited to the park and boulevard fund of said city, and shall not be diverted or used for any other purpose.

8. Nothing herein shall be construed as repealing any part of chapter 333 of the laws of 1897.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved June 11, 1917.

No. 396, S.]

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CHAPTER 393

AN ACT to create section 1797m—81a of the statutes, relating to the acquisition of public utility plants and equipment by municipalities.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: Section 1797m—81a. 1. Any municipality having heretofore determined to acquire an existing plant or any part of the equipment of a public utility as provided by Section 1797m—109 of the statutes, may discontinue all proceedings to that end at any time prior to the final determination of compensation by the railroad commission by a resolution to that effect by its common council, commission council, village board or town board, provided that such resolution shall not be of force and effect until thirty days after the passage and publication. If within said thirty days a petition shall be filed with the clerk of such municipality in a city of the first class signed by five per centum and in all other cities by ten per centum of the electors thereof requesting that the question of discontinuing said proceeding to acquire such plant or equipment be submitted to the electors, such question shall be submitted to the said electors at any general election or at any regular municipal election that may be held not less than thirty, and not more than thirty-five, days from the date of the filing of the aforesaid petition; and if no general election or regular municipal election is to be held within the stated periods, then the governing body of the municipality shall without delay order the holding of a special elec-

tion for the purpose of submitting to the said electors the question whether the aforesaid resolution shall remain in effect and its adoption be ratified, and such resolution shall not have force or effect unless the votes of a majority of the electors of the municipality voting on such question shall be in favor thereof.

2. The common council, commission council or governing board of such municipality may provide for the notice, the manner of holding such election and the method of voting thereon and of making returns thereof and the canvassing and determining of the result thereof; provided, that notice of the submission of the question contemplated herein to the electors shall be given by a brief notice of that fact once a week for three weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in the municipality wherein the election is to be held, and if there be no newspaper published therein, then publication may be made in any newspaper of general circulation in the county seat of the county wherein the municipality is located. The notice of holding any special election shall be incorporated as a part of the aforesaid notice.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 394

AN ACT to appropriate certain sums therein named to the state board of education, for the board of trustees of the Stout institute, for Stout institute.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the general fund to the state board of education, for the board of trustees of the Stout institute, for Stout institute, not to exceed twenty-two thousand two hundred twenty-six dollars and sixty-two cents, for operation for the fiscal year 1916—17.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the general fund to the state board of education, for the board of trustees of the Stout institute, for Stout institute, ten thousand two hundred fourteen dollars and forty cents, of which one thousand two hundred twenty-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents shall be available for the purposes enumerated in subsection (3) of section 20.34, and the balance for the purposes enumerated in subsection (5) of section 20.34 of the statutes.